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SUBJECT: FUTURE SAM

REFS: (A) USNATO 4159 (DTG 261836Z MAY 77),
(B) USNATO 3171 (DTG 121646Z MAY 77)

1. AS REPORTED BY REF A, THE UK AND FRG PROPOSED
CHANGES TO DRAFT AC/259-D/583 PROVIDED BY REF B.

2. THE TEXT OF THE UK CHANGES FOLLOW.
BEGIN TEXT:

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW GROUPS ON FUTURE SAMs

1. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PAPER AC/259
D/583 WHICH MY AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCORPORATED
BEFORE THE PAPER IS PUBLISHED.

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2. TITLE OF GROUPS (MAIN PAPER AND ALL ANNEXES).

- A. WE SHOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PROJECT GROUP NAMED
"PROJECT GROUP ON A REPLACEMENT FOR THE NIKE/HERCULES
SYSTEM" RATHER THAN "PROJECT GROUP ON THE PATRIOT SYSTEM",
SINCE PATRIOT IS TO BE STUDIED HERE FOR THIS ONE APPLICA-

TION ONLY. AS AN ALTERNATIVE WE COULD ACCEPT THE TITLE "PROJECT GROUP ON THE PATRIOT SYSTEM AS A REPLACEMENT FOR NIKE/HERCULES".

- B. WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE STUDY GROUP NAMED "STUDY GROUP ON A REPLACEMENT FOR SYSTEMS OF THE IMPROVED HAWK TYPE". YOU WILL RECALL THAT AT THE POST-CNAD DRAFTING GROUP ON 28 APRIL I POINTED OUT THAT BLOODHOUND HAD SOMEHOW BEEN OMITTED FROM THE LIST OF EXISTING SYSTEMS. THE REVISED TITLE NOW PROPOSED WOULD MEET THIS POINT AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PREAMBLE IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE GROUP.

3. OBJECTIVE/METHOD OF WORK FOR THE STUDY GROUP. WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE SECTION II OF THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STUDY GROUP DIVIDED INTO TWO PARAGRAPHS MORE ON THE LINES OF THE ORIGINAL DRAFT PROVIDED BY THE UK. SUITABLE TEXTS MIGHT BE AS FOLLOWS:-

- "2. OBJECTIVES
- THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY GROUP ARE TO:
- A. ESTABLISH THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF A SYSTEM OF REPLACING SAM SYSTEMS OF THE HAWK CLASS;
- B. IDENTIFY CANDIDATE REPLACEMENT SYSTEMS;
- C. REPORT TO THE CNAD, OUTLINING THE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY ON THE
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- DEVELOPMENT OF A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT SYSTEM.

3. METHOD OF WORK

THE STUDY GROUP WILL:

- A. ESTABLISH THOSE CRITERIA AND STANDARDS UPON WHICH ALTERNATIVE REPLACEMENT SYSTEMS CAN BE ASSESSED;
- B. REVIEW THE AVAILABLE DATA ON THE PERFORMANCE OF CANDIDATE SYSTEMS FROM CONTRIBUTING NATIONS;
- C. REQUEST CONTRIBUTING NATIONS TO PROVIDE FURTHER PERFORMANCE DATA FROM THE RESULTS OF SIMULATION OF THE CANDIDATE SYSTEMS AGAINST CRITERIA AND STANDARDS IN 3A;
- D. REVIEW RESULTS OF THESE SIMULATIONS ON THE CANDIDATE SYSTEM PROVIDED BY THE CONTRIBUTING NATIONS;

- E. REVIEW COST ESTIMATES ASSOCIATED WITH THESE
 - CANDIDATE REPLACEMENT SYSTEMS INCLUDING
 - DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND OPERATING COSTS;

 - F. PREPARE A PLAN WHEREBY AN ORDERLY TRANSITION
 - CAN BE EFFECTED FROM THE PRESENT TO THE FUTURE
 - SAM STRUCTURE."
4. APART FROM THE STRUCTURAL CHANGE TO THE PARAGRAPHS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE OBJECTIVES AND THE WAY OF ACHIEVING

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THEM, YOU WILL SEE THAT THE REDRAFT INTRODUCES THE IDEA THAT THE STUDY GROUP WILL NOT ITSELF SET OUT TO DRAW UP COST ESTIMATES OR MAKE PERFORMANCE CALCULATIONS, BUT WILL MAKE USE OF DATA PROVIDED BY THE NATIONS DEVELOPING SYSTEMS.

5. COMPOSITION AND ORGANISATION. WE AGREE THAT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE MEMBERSHIP OF BOTH GROUPS SHALL BE OPEN TO ANY NATION THAT WISHES TO JOIN AND SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY DUE TO THE SPECIAL STATUS OF THESE GROUPS UNDER CNAD, THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 19 AND 20 OF C-M(66)33(2ND REVISE) WILL APPLY. WE AGREE THAT THE ATTENDANCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MNCS AND THE IMS WILL BE USEFUL DURING STAGE I. HOWEVER, WE SEE NO NEED FOR OTHER NATO AGENCIES TO HAVE ANY AUTOMATIC RIGHT TO ATTEND AND WE SUGGEST THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE TERMS

OF REFERENCE BE REDRAFTED TO READ "REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS AND THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF MAY ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE PROJECT/STUDY GROUP AS APPROPRIATE. MEMBERS OF OTHER NATO AGENCIES MAY ATTEND MEETINGS OR OTHERWISE CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK IF INVITED
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BY THE GROUP."

6. DURATION OF THE STUDY GROUP'S WORK. WE ACCEPT THAT THE DECISION ON REPLACEMENT OF THE HAWK TYPE SYSTEMS IS LESS URGENT THAN THAT OF REPLACEMENT OF NIKE; THERE IS THEREFORE NO NEED FOR THE STUDY GROUP TO COMPLETE ITS WORK SO QUICKLY, AND INDEED MORE THAN ONE YEAR'S EFFORT MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE IT ALL. NEVERTHELESS, IT DOES SEEM THAT WHEN REVIEWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROJECT GROUP ON REPLACEMENT OF NIKE, CNAD WILL WISH TO HAVE SOME INDICATION AS TO THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE WORK OF THE STUDY GROUP AND WHETHER IT HAS ANY PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS TO OFFER THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DECISIONS ON PATRIOT (EG IF IT WAS CLEAR THAT PATRIOT WAS OR WAS NOT LIKELY TO EMERGE AS A PREFERRED CANDIDATE FOR REPLACEMENT OF IMPROVED HAWK THIS COULD BE A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN DECISIONS ON NIKE REPLACEMENT). WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE STUDY GROUP BE INVITED TO SUBMIT AN INTERIM REPORT WITH THEIR CONCLUSIONS SO FAR IN PARALLEL WITH THE PROJECT GROUP REPORT AT THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR.

7. RELEASE OF INFORMATION. INFORMATION WHICH THE SPONSORING NATIONS WILL NEED TO MAKE AVAILABLE ON THE CANDIDATE SYSTEMS HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY THEM AT CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE AND IN ADDITION TO ITS SECURITY CLASSIFICATION HAS SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL VALUE AND SENSITIVITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS IN OTHER PROJECT GROUPS IT HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE THAT PAPERS CONTAINING SUCH INFORMATION AND ORIGINATED AND CIRCULATED BY THE SPONSORING NATION AND GIVEN TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PROJECT GROUP WITH A NEED TO KNOW, WITHOUT OFFICIAL NATO CIRCULATION TO NATIONS OR INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES WHO ARE NOT DIRECTLY PARTICIPATING IN THAT ASPECT OF THE WORK. WHILE IT WILL NOT BE LAID DOWN IN THE TORS WE WOULD EXPECT THIS INFORMAL PRACTICE TO BE APPLIED IN THE PRESENT INSTANCE, AND HOPE WILL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF IN ENSURING THIS.
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8. DATES OF FIRST MEETINGS. FINALLY MAY I ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER WHETHER A WHOLE WEEK IS NEEDED FOR THE FIRST MEETINGS. WOULD NOT 1 1/2 DAYS SUFFICE FOR EACH GROUP? END TEXT.

3. THE FRG SUGGESTED THAT ITEM IV OF THE PROJECT GROUP AGENDA READ "STATUS REPORT ON THE PATRIOT SYSTEM". THIS WILL REQUIRE A US PRESENTATION. ADDITIONALLY, THE FRG SUGGESTED THE FIRST LINE OF PARA 6 OF THE PROJECT GROUP TOR READ "ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT GROUP WILL..."

4. FROM A PROCEDURAL STANDPOINT, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE UK CHANGES SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE DRAFT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION AT THE FIRST MEETING. TO DO SO MAY NECESSITATE ANOTHER REVIEW BY NADREPS AND THUS DELAY THE EFFORT. ON SUBSTANCE, IT MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO RESTRICT THE STUDY GROUP TOR TO "OBJECTIVES" PER THE FIRST DRAFT AND LET THE GROUP DETERMINE ITS "METHOD OF WORK" AS A FIRST TASK.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON WHETHER:

- - FRG CHANGE TO AGENDA IS ACCEPTABLE AND
- - TO AGREE WITH CHANGING TOR PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION TO ACCOMMODATE UK.BENNETT

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